

# The Snyder Signal

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## Pat Neff Defeats Joe Bailey For Governor of Texas

### Snyder Public Schools Notes and Plans

Snyder school board at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon decided Monday, September 13, as the opening of the 1920-1921 session of the Snyder public schools. Children in both the elementary and high school grades are urged to present on the opening day to receive their text books and lesson assignments.

The scholastic census for the Snyder public schools for last March showed an enrollment of 672 children. The total transfers from school districts is 78. Thus it has been seen that Snyder's public schools have a total of 750 scholars. This is a material increase in scholastic enrollment over the year.

The Snyder school board has increased the number of high school teachers from five to six and that of elementary grades from ten to twelve. This is done to meet the increase of pupils that will enter the schools this autumn. It is the desire of the school board to employ enough teachers to avoid overloading in any of the classrooms to prevent the half-day plan had to be employed as an expedient the past year.

The seven persons giving instruction in the high school department of the Snyder public schools, have had much of their training at the University of Texas, one in the University of Alabama, one in the University of California, one in the University of Illinois, one in the University of Michigan, and one in the University of Wisconsin.

The selection of these teachers has been very carefully made, considering the unusual scarcity of qualified teachers and the unprecedented demand for teachers. The Snyder school board, by persistent effort and determination, has secured a high school corps of teachers whose work will meet the standards of the authorities who have the oversight of the high schools of the state.

The school board at Snyder has not hesitated at selecting teachers who are able to do work of a high standard in the high school department, but due consideration has been given the teachers for the elementary grades. Only teachers of high training and successful experience have been employed.

#### New Teachers Elected.

Miss Lida Wilcoxson, Hamlin.  
E. Dabney, Gorman.  
Miss Lida May, Snyder.  
Mrs. Ernest Ashbury, Winnsboro.  
Mrs. R. D. Meeks, Snyder.

#### Reply to Mr. Noble.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 31.  
J. Z. Noble,  
Snyder, Texas.  
Sir:  
We greatly appreciate your telegram of August 28 expressing congratulations on the result of the election. The News felt it to be a duty to the State to oppose the election of Mr. Bailey, and it is pleased to see that it had so much company.  
Sincerely,  
TOM FINTY, JR.,  
Associate Editor.

#### Scurry County's Wealth.

The tax rolls of Scurry county have been officially checked and it is found that the total taxable values of the county are \$6,948,150. This is about a million dollars increase over last year.  
There are 1722 poll taxes assessed in the county.

#### The Cotton.

Several farmers have been heard this week saying that the cotton crop is not doing well. Mr. H. V. Williams said the Signal would have to modify its statement. Some say the plant is not fruiting like it should. Mr. J. C. Maxwell, who has charge of the cotton census and studies conditions carefully, says he hasn't seen any discouraging symptoms—the cotton is doing as well as he ever saw it, and he has found no pests bothering.

#### Building Sidewalks.

Gay McGlaun and other citizens on East Plaid Street are building concrete sidewalks. They have about 400 feet already built and will extend the work clear on to town. Snyder needs sidewalks in all the residence districts and now that the work has been started maybe others will follow in line and lift Snyder out of the mud.

#### Special Cut Prices.

On Portraits. From Sept. 1 to 15 Kodak finishing, glossy finish portrait enlargement. Clements' Studio, Snyder, Texas.



HON. PAT M. NEFF OF WACO  
Democratic Nominee for Governor of Texas

Last Saturday closed the gubernatorial campaign in Texas and it was a month of political heat. Speakers went into all parts of the state to indulge in personalities. Political theories and principles were sadly ignored and speakers took up their time in showing the merits and demerits of the two aspirants for the nomination.

Both sides professed to expect victory by a large majority and the average voter was led to believe the race was close and that the winner would come out with a small majority. It is probable that even the most ardent supporters of Mr. Neff did not look for such a landslide for their man as the early returns piled up.

It is remembered that the May conventions showed unpopularity of the Bailey attitude toward the democratic administration, but the July primaries demonstrated that Bailey had a big following in the state, which led him to say in the recent campaign, that the conventions are manipulated by politicians but the ballots are cast by the honest people. There is where he expected to find his strength.

Snyder got by with but little campaign excitement and the people all kept in good humor. At times it would seem like the margin of difference would be narrow in this county, but the final results showed

that Scurry is a Neff county by long odds.

Interested citizens got out here Saturday and made up a fund to pay for getting the bulletins. A screen was erected at the Palace of Sweets on the east side of the square, and hundreds of people gathered there to watch the figures.

The very first bulletin from the election bureau showed Neff in the lead, and as the votes piled up, Neff maintained a lead of approximately 2 to 1, and by 10:30 the Neff lead was 64,500 and seemed to be growing, and by Sunday morning the Neff majority was 73,000.

All the cities, except San Antonio and El Paso, went to Neff.

Neff carried a few southwest counties, but Neff carried the populous counties of North, South, Central and West Texas. McLennan, Neff's home county, Hunt, the home of Looney, Anderson, the home of Tom Campbell, Hill, the home of Luther Nickles, was reared, I believe, the home county of Jim Ferguson, Cooke, the alleged home of Mr. Bailey, all went to Neff.

The vote in Scurry and throughout the state shows that Texas democrats are loyal to Woodrow Wilson as they were in the May conventions and at the Dallas and San Francisco meetings. Pat Neff endorses all that the Wilson administration has stood for and accomplished and the democrats of Texas have overwhelmingly endorsed Pat M. Neff.

#### Election in Scurry County.

In the runoff primary in Scurry county last Saturday it is believed that none but democrats voted. There was no undue excitement. People had their minds made up and went quietly to the polls and voted. Neff supporters felt sure of a vote of two to one in favor of their man. The complete vote shows that the county went approximately 2 1-2 to 1 in favor of Neff.

Ballot carried three boxes in the county—Cottonwood Flats, 7 to 2; Ennis, 14 to 11, and Sharon, 12 to 9. At the other boxes the vote shows in favor of Neff thus:

Hermleigh, 55-105; Dermott, 12-29; Dunn, 27-52; Ira, 13-37; Pyron, 4-31; Canyon, 9-17; Snyder, 161-456; Fluvanna, 11-72; Bethel, 5-42; Camp Springs, 22-31; Loyd Mountain, 5-7.

The total unofficial vote gives Bailey 367, Neff 915; Davidson 303,

Johnson 853; Hawkins 454; Pierson 674.

G. H. Leath was elected county chairman, 1290 votes.

The returns from over the state show Pat M. Neff of Waco nominated for governor. Lynch Davidson of Houston, lieutenant governor and William Pierson of Greenville associate justice of the supreme court.

Reports from the election bureau up to Wednesday placed Neff's majority at 73,333.

Mr. Bailey received only nineteen more votes last Saturday in Scurry county than in the July primaries.

Walla D. Fish has returned from a vacation visit at Houston and other South Texas points.

We have a fine farm of 160 acres well improved, seven miles from Snyder, at \$35.00 per acre. See us quick for this. Autry Realty Co., Snyder Hotel.

### Christian Revival Meeting A Great Success

The revival meeting which was conducted here at the City tabernacle for three weeks by the Fife brothers, closed last Sunday night with a large audience present and good interest shown.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the First Christian church. Rev. Clyde Lee Fife is an evangelist of broad reputation. He preaches to the minds and hearts of the people; he urges the true heart worship and faithfulness to God as the cure for sin. He is not rough in his denunciation of sin and worldliness, but he is earnest and forceful and shows that no one can serve two masters. None can hold to the

world and its sinful pleasures and distractions and hope for peace with God.

Mr. Fife and his brother, Bob, who had charge of the music, made hosts of friends in Snyder and it is announced that the church here made a contract with the preacher to come to Snyder as pastor of the Christian church, beginning the first Sunday in November.

Ten conversions were reported during the meeting.

The Signal feels that the people of Snyder, regardless of church connection, are to be congratulated on getting Mr. Fife to come into our midst as a religious leader. He will make Snyder a good citizen.

#### Public Square Improvement

The City council made a contract last week with Arthur Brooks to grade the public square and cover with gravel, and the work is now being done. It is understood the gravel is to be put on eight inches deep and that the contract price is \$10,508.00.

The crossings to the court yard have been moved off and the hitch chains around the court house have been moved and put up at the market square. The county will put a concrete curb around the court yard and it is supposed the property owners will have gutters made along the front of their buildings.

#### Snyder's Base Ball Record.

A combination of loose playing by the locals and timely batting and good base ball by Slaton helped Snyder to keep her record of defeats.

On paper the teams were evenly matched, but on the field Snyder was hopelessly outclassed, and unless the present members of the team show more pep and enthusiasm a general weeding out and shaking up will be in order.

A losing streak will follow any team at some time and can generally be attributed to hard luck, but no such alibi can be offered in the present case, for Snyder's defeats are due to nothing less than rotten playing.

The game with Post showed that the Snyder team is capable of better efforts and it is due the base ball public that they get results.

The score of Wednesday's game was 6 to 2 in favor of Slaton.

#### Methodist Church.

We closed out August with more than two hundred present in Sunday school. We should have a large increase during September. Will you not come and bring some one with you?

Preaching at 11 and 7:45. Morning: "The Splendor of Fidelity, the Tragedy of Sloth." Evening: "How I May Obtain Forgiveness."

At the morning hour Mrs. Yoder will sing "When I Get to the End of the Way."

Epworth League at 6:45.

We extend a cordial invitation for you to attend any or all of these services. We miss you when you are absent.  
J. H. Hicks, Pastor.

#### Home Burned at Ira.

The home and furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Autry at Ira were destroyed by fire Sunday night. It is not known how the fire started. There was no insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Autry have been away from home for several weeks at a health resort in New Mexico, near Cloudcroft, and their son, Barney Autry, and family, were occupying the home.

Mrs. Homer Ing's and children of Big Springs are visiting the Fish families in Snyder this week.

#### To Celebrate Suffrage Victory.

At a joint meeting of the ladies of the several churches of the town of Snyder last Monday afternoon, the proclamation of the governor of Texas as pertaining to woman suffrage was read and discussed, when it was unanimously that a special entertainment be arranged for the evening of September 4 in celebration of the 19th amendment to the constitution of the United States.

This will not only be a celebration of a great victory for women, but an act of acceptance and approval, an evidence of their willingness to enter into this new duty with a conservative mind tending to a higher plane of politics.

At 6:30 p. m., on the court house lawn, some form of refreshments will be served, followed by an appropriate program and it is the earnest desire of these women that every woman of the town and especially those of the country, be present.

Following is the program:  
Invocation ..... Mrs. W. H. Sims  
Young America's Creed ..... Children  
Solo—"Texas" Mrs. Pope Strayhorn  
Address ..... Mrs. C. R. Buchanan  
Chorus ..... Ladies Choral Club  
Reading ..... Miss Ruth Buchanan  
Piano Duets ..... Mesdames Banks and Barnes.  
Address ..... Mrs. J. T. Whitmore  
Chorus ..... Ladies Choral Club  
Reading ..... Miss Lois Sears  
Suffragette Drill, Mrs. W. M. Morrow, leader.  
Everybody invited. Be on time.

#### Still Fighting Suffrage.

A news special sent out from Nashville, Tennessee, Aug. 31, says:

"The Tennessee house of representatives today voted to not concur in the action of the senate in ratifying the federal woman suffrage amendment. The vote was 47 to 24, with 20 members not voting."

Since ratification has already been certified and proclaimed, it seems now the purpose of the anti-suffragists to carry it to the courts.

#### Chance to Get Georgia Syrup.

The Signal has a good friend over at Whigham, Georgia, that it likes to cultivate. He is W. H. Hawthorn, a nephew of our Mr. J. W. Massey. Mr. Hawthorn is a successful Georgia planter, and every year he makes great quantities of Georgia cane syrup, as good as any American citizen ever sopped. We know, because we have tried it.

He has recently written Mr. Massey he is coming to Snyder in December with a big shipment of his syrup, and anybody who wants some of it can file orders now with Mr. Massey and be in on the deal. It is understood that many orders have already been filed at two dollars a gallon and the kind that Mr. Hawthorn makes is worth the money.

LOST—Keller-Springfield tire 33x4, between the square and east part of town. Finder leave at Signal office and get reward.  
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